



# CITY OF ESPAÑOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Allegation / Inquiry Report

☐ Compliment ☒ Complaint ☐ Inquiry

(PD) Administration ☐ (PD) Operations ☐ (PD) Dispatch ☐ (PD) Detention ☐ (PD) Animal Shelter ☐

Date/Time Reported: 4:10 How Received: ☐ Telephone ☒ In Person ☐ Other

Name: Janice Atencio Address: 188 A Lower San Pedro

City/State/Zip: Espanola, NM Home Phone: 505 490-5568 Work Phone:

Date of Incident: 11/15/14 Time of Incident: 2:00 Assignment:

Location of Incident: Arroyo Seco + Pogoaque

Name of employee(s) Involved: cap car # 205

1. Details of complaint as stated by the complainant (Attach additional sheets of paper if needed).

Arroyo Seco speeding 80 on 45 followed him  
and told him about speed kept on speeding  
to Pogoaque 80 hr. (crazy) no jurisdiction  
got in front of him 45 mph posted

2. Interviewer's Remarks (Attach additional sheets of paper if needed).

Espanola  
Police  
# 205

Witnesses: (Employee or Citizen) Janice Atencio

Name: Janice Atencio Address: 188 A Lower San Pedro Home Ph: 505 490-5568 Work Ph: 505 490-5568

Name: Address: Home Ph: Work Ph:

How would you like this Complaint resolved?

Signature: [Signature] Date: 11/15/14

Taken By: [Signature] Forwarded To: Assigned To: Due Date:

Chief's review/Date: Findings:

Date complainant was notified of results: ☐ Telephone ☐ In Person ☐ Mail ☐ Other:

Notes:



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**TO:** Deputy Chief Matthew Vigil

**FROM:** Sgt. Daniel Espinoza

**THRU:**

**DATE:** 11/16/2016

**REF:** Complaint Officer Manuel Romero

On November 15, 2016 I received a citizen complaint on Officer Manuel Romero the compliant stated that the officer was traveling 85 miles an hour in a 45 mile per hour zone.

When I made contact with the compliant who is identified as Janice Atencio. According to Janice Atencio she advised that she was traveling south bound on US 84/285 and saw an Española Police vehicle traveling at a fast speed, according to her the police vehicle unit 205 was traveling 85 miles per hour in a 45 mile per hour zone. Janice Atencio was upset as to why the officer was out of his jurisdiction, I did advise her that maybe the officer was going to court. She also stated that just because he has a badge it don't give him the right to break the law.

She was very rude towards myself also as I was trying to explain the situation and help her with her complaint.

I did see Officer Manuel Romero lapel and it didn't show any wrong doing on the officer on one point you see the complaint give Officer Romero the middle finger. She even followed him to his destination where she approached him and started yelling at him. Officer Romero acted very professional.

I do believe that this complaint need not go any further at this time.

Sgt Daniel Espinoza



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November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Sgt. Daniel Espinoza  
City of Espanola Police Department  
1316 E Calle Adelante, Espanola,  
NM 87532

Sgt.:

Good Afternoon hope you're doing well. This is Officer Manuel Romero, I am writing in regards to your memo request for the unfortunate incident involving an unknown motorist traveling on Highway 84/285 southbound whom claimed I was driving in a reckless manner. This incident is troubling and deeply saddens me as a Law-Enforcement Officer due to the fact that we as a society allow our citizens to harass Officers who sacrifice so much including sometimes their own lives. Although, this individual harassed me for no clear reason I would like to note that the attached video displayed nothing but respect and good character on my end and the situation was defused without incident. In addition, my marked patrol unit is traveling at the same rate of speed of the flow of traffic however, I understand people speed from time to time including Police Officers I was not traveling at 85 M.P.H. in the 45M.P.H. zone as which was reported. Moreover, I would like to state I was wearing my safety belt and in compliance with all Federal and State Laws. If you have any further additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 505-901-1471. I look forward to serving the community and to continue to uphold the good name of the Espanola Police Department.

Sincerely, /s/ M. Romero

Officer: Manuel Romero E.P.D.

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